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Sax House  
14803 York Road  
Sparks

1825-1850

The entrance to the property, which is 0.3 mile east of York Road, is 0.1 mile south of Quaker Bottom Road No. 1. The house was built on part of the tracts "Alfred," and "Cromwell's Addition." The house may have been one of five unmeasured old houses charged to Dr. Thomas Love on the 1798 tax list. The doctor had been charged with ,22 worth of unspecified improvements on the 1783 list. The house passed to Martha Love and to her daughter, Martha Comfort Webster. Henry M. Fitzhugh, the first clerk of the court at Towson, purchased the place in 1848 and the house is mentioned in that deed and again in 1853 when the present roadway was reserved. Fitzhugh is shown as owner on the 1853 map and Ebenezer Stewart in the 1877 atlas. The 1898 atlas showed it as the Sillenberger house, although deeds show William F. Schillenberger. Calvin D. Price was shown as the owner in the 1915 atlas. In the 1918 tax ledger, the dwelling house measured 18 x 31 and 46 x 19; the barn (extinct) was shown as 70 x 33; the tenant house, 18 x 26.

This house is two stories, log under a sheathing of Victorian board and batten. The eaves are decorated with vergeboards. It is a long, low gable-roofed house on a stone foundation. At the rear is a large, four-bay-wide stone annex with a shed roof, a four-foot wide single room not provided with fireplaces or stone vents.

The property was sold at auction in 1937 and the house was described as frame, with ten rooms; the barn still stood and had a capacity of 24 cows and five horses. "This farm has a commanding view of the entire country and is in a high state of cultivation." It was acquired in 1942 by Benjamin S. Sax, and the 1980 owner was listed as the Sax Company.